

Letter from Matthew Bartlett, Head Master

Wednesday 7th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach October Week, it seems appropriate to write to thank you for all your support in these challenging times. Your willingness to engage with the Junior School and to ensure that by working together our young people are kept safe is hugely appreciated by myself, the rest of the leadership team and all of my colleagues.

I would also like to praise the efforts of our children who faced with very different circumstances have remained cheerful, engaged and very well behaved. They give me great hope for the future.

Through rethinking how we do things, our P6 have been able to make their commitment to Pope Francis Faith Awards, four young people have been baptised, music lessons have recommenced virtually and sport is on offer for P6 and P7 at Millerston and Glasgow Green on Saturdays. Maths week was a triumph and we enjoyed an online prize giving celebration. There are many things we are missing though and as soon as it is safe to do so, they will return. We do not have any guidance as yet on dates for Schola, indoor PE and competitive sport returning, but it may be some way off.

However, these continue to be very challenging times and this week I was fearing that the First Minister might impose closure on schools for a circuit breaker lockdown. Thankfully it seems we have avoided that and we continue to be vigilant in all we do in running the school to ensure every one of our young people can continue to receive their full education. Given the very significant spike in cases across the country and specifically in Greater Glasgow and Clyde we are keeping in place all the measures designed for safety and recommended in government guidance. I am pleased that we will continue to run three classes in P5 and P6 with Mrs Davidson, Mrs Forbes and Mrs Frisina carrying on with our new classes. This creates smaller safer units and is particularly important in the current climate. P7 will also remain based in the Sports Hall building which has worked very well indeed in creating another bubble with space for outdoor play. Finally, due to the very positive engagement of parents we are looking at timings for pick-up which is working efficiently and we hope can be further improved. Details of this will follow.

Can I remind everyone that travel restrictions remain in place to almost all overseas destinations and that quarantine guidelines must be followed meticulously to keep our community safe should you be travelling in October week. If like me you are confined to our lovely country, then please enjoy a rest and a break with the family if possible.

Be assured of our continued efforts and commitment to supporting all our community and keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Kindest regards and prayers



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